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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER GURDWARA ELECTIONS, HARYANA
GROUND FLOOR, PLOT NO. 9DHL SQUARE, SECTOR 22, PANCHKULA

Notification

The 10th December, 2024

No. CGEH/12/2024/230.— In exercise of the powers conferred under sub section (1) of section 13 of the Haryana Sikh Gurdwaras (Management) Act, 2014 read with sub rule (1) of rule 17 of the Haryana Sikh Gurdwaras Management Committee (Delimitation of Wards and Election) Rules, 2023, I, Justice H.S. Bhalla, Commissioner, Gurdwara Elections, Haryana hereby fix the schedule for the conduct of general election to the Haryana Sikh Gurdwaras Management Committee as under: -

Sr. No.	Programme	Period
i.	Publication of notice by the Returning Officer for inviting nominations {rule 17(2)}	18.12.2024 (Wednesday)
ii.	Nomination shall be filed {rule 17(1)(i)}.	20.12.2024 (Friday) to 28.12.2024 (Saturday)
iii.	List of nomination paper shall be posted {rule 17(1)(ii)}.	20.12.2024 (Friday) to 28.12.2024 (Saturday)
iv.	Nomination shall be scrutinised {rule 17(1)(iii)}.	30.12.2024 (Monday)
v.	Last date by which application for revision of order of the Returning Officer may be filed to the Deputy Commissioner {rule 17(1)(iv)}.	31.12.2024 (Tuesday)
vi.	Revision application shall be decided by the Deputy Commissioner {rule 17(1)(v)}.	01.01.2025 (Wednesday)
vii.	List of valid nomination paper shall be posted rule 17(1)(vii)}.	01.01.2025 (Wednesday)
viii.	Withdrawal of candidature rule 17(1)(vi)}.	02.01.2025 (Thursday) upto 3.00 PM
ix.	Allotment of election symbol	02.01.2025 (Thursday) after 3.00 PM
x.	List of polling stations to be posted {rule 17(1)(viii) & rule 32}.	02.01.2025 (Thursday)
xi.	Polling, if required, shall be held on {rule 17(1)(ix)}.	19.01.2025 (Sunday)

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xii.	Hours of poll	8.00 AM to 5.00 PM
xiii.	Counting votes	Immediately, after completion of poll on all the polling booths.

2. It is further directed that the Returning Officer shall publish a copy of the notification fixing the dates referred above at his office and the places at which the electoral roll was published.

3. It is further directed that every candidate filing nomination required to give choice of election symbol in order of preference of three election symbols from the election symbols notified by this office *vide* notification No. CGEH/9/2023/185 dated 1st September, 2023.

4. It is further directed that a person shall not be qualified to be elected as member of the committee, if such person-

- i. has not attained the age of twenty-five years;
- ii. is not a citizen of India;
- iii. is not registered as voter in the electoral roll in the concerned ward;
- iv. is not an Amritdhari Sikh;
- v. is a Patit or being an Amritdhari Sikh, trims or shaves his beard or Keshas;
- vi. takes alcoholic drinks or takes intoxicants or uses Kutha (Halal meat);
- vii. is of unsound mind and has been so declared by a competent court or medical authority;
- viii. is an undischarged insolvent;
- ix. has been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude or has been dismissed from service by Government, Board, Committee or any other local authority, on account of moral turpitude;
- x. is a paid servant of any Gurdwara;
- xi. is unable to read or write Punjabi in Gurmukhi script.

Explanation

A person shall be deemed to-

- (i) Be able to read Gurmukhi, if he is able to recite Guru Granth Sahib in Gurumukhi; and
- (ii) Write Gurumukhi, if he fills his nomination paper for the election to the committee in Gurumukhi in his own handwriting.

Provided that if any question arises whether a candidate is or is not able to read and write Gurumukhi, the question shall be decided, in such manner as may be prescribed.

5. It is further directed that any person not ineligible for membership of the committee under the provisions mentioned in para 4 above may be nominated as candidate for election.

Provided that

- (a) He/she has filed his nomination paper on or before the last date and time fixed for filing nomination papers and delivered to the Returning Officer in person,
- (b) Nomination paper can also be delivered by any candidate through his proposer or authorised agent.
Provided that the authorisation should be in writing and signed by the candidate and should be verified by a magistrate, sub- registrar, sarpanch, nambardar or member of Legislature or local body.
- (c) Nomination paper in Form 4 prescribed in the Haryana Sikh Gurdwaras Management Committee (Delimitation of Wards and Election) Rules, 2023, should be completed in all respect signed by the candidate and his proposer whose name is included in the roll of the ward concerned.
- (d) No person shall subscribe as proposer more than one nomination paper in the ward. If a person has subscribed as proposer more than one nomination paper; nomination of that person shall be deemed valid which have been received first.

On presentation of nomination paper, the Returning Officer shall satisfy himself that the name and electoral number of the candidate and his proposer as entered in the nomination paper are the same as those entered in the electoral roll.

Provided that the Returning Officer may –

- (a) permit any clerical error in the nomination paper with regard to the said names or numbers to be corrected in order to bring them in conformity with the corresponding entries in the electoral rolls, and
- (b) where necessary, direct that any clerical or printing error in the said entries shall be overlooked.
6. It is further directed that every candidate filing nomination paper shall deposit fee of Rs.5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) with the Returning Officer before the last date of nomination.
- Provided that not more than one such deposit required by any candidate in respect of each candidature for any one ward. The fee shall be returned to the candidates whose nomination paper has been rejected, withdraws his candidature within the specified time, dies before the commencement of the poll. The fee of those candidate shall be forfeited who have not been elected and votes polled by him does not exceed one sixth of the total number of valid votes polled.
7. It is further directed that counting of votes shall be started in the ward concerned only after completion of poll on all the polling booths of the ward. It is also directed that the result of the counting of votes for the wards spread in more than one district shall be countersigned by the concerned Assistant Returning Officer, before consolidating the result sheet by the Returning Officer.
8. It is further directed that polling shall be conducted by using the voting machines (EVM). The EVMs used in the election shall be retained in the Treasury for the period of one month after completion of election and will be returned to the State Election Commission, immediately after completion of the said period. If there is an election petition/court case pending against any elected member, EVMs of the said ward shall be released from the Treasury only after approval of this office.
9. It is also directed that EVMs for the ward No.23-Kaithal, 24-Jind, 29-Hisar, 39-Gurugram & 40-Faridabad shall be prepared by the Returning Officer concerned and it will be the responsibility of the concerned Deputy Commissioner to lift the EVMs and other election materials from the office of the concerned Returning Officers atleast four days before the polling.
10. It is also directed that Assistant Returning Officers shall be appointed by the Deputy Commissioner concerned under rule 8(3) of the Haryana Sikh Gurdwaras (Delimitation of Wards and Election) Rules, 2023 who shall not be below the rank of Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO) or Tehsildar who shall assist the Returning Officer in the conduct of elections.
11. It is also directed that polling staff i.e. Presiding Officer, Polling Officer, Duty Magistrate, Supervisor etc. in the ward shall be appointed by the Deputy Commissioner concerned.
12. It is also further directed that names of the elected candidate with detail of his ward No., father's/husband's, resident address and mobile No.in English, Hindi and Punjabi will be sent to the office of Commissioner, Gurdwara Elections, Haryana, same day after declaration of election result along with election index card prescribed in Annexure XLVIII, final result sheet in form 19 with the signature of concerned Returning officer via email of this office i.e. "**gurdwaraelectionhry@gmail.com**".

JUSTICE H. S. BHALLA,
Commissioner, Gurdwara Elections Haryana.